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SUBJECT: BRIEFING FOR HOST GOVERNMENT ON BEGIN VISIT TO
WASHINGTON AND CAIRO CONFERENCE

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1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MOST USEFUL REFTEL TO CALL ON
NEW FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY. VAN DER KLASUW, WHO UNDER-
STANDABLY APPEARED A BIT AT SIXES AND SEVENS AMIDST
HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AND NOT YET ACCUSTOMED TO
WISE MEN CALLING, SEEMED GENUINELY PLEASED BY THE
OVERTURE. HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED THE SECRETARY'S
MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND WAS AGREEABLE TO RE-
CEIVING ME ON SHORT NOTICE.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR PROVIDING HIM THE
CONTENTS OF REFTEL, VAN DER KLASUX SAID DUTCH
SHARED OUR SATISFACTION WITH ENCOURAGING STEPS
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TAKEN THUS FAR BY BEGIN AND SADAT, BUT THAT
GON WILL CONTENT ITSELF FOR THE PRESENT TO OBSERVING
EVENTS AS THEY UNFOLD AND BE RESTRAINED IN EXPRESSING
OPINIONS FROM THE HAGUE. AFTER THE MEETING, VAN DIJL
(MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST) INFORMED
ME THAT THE FONMIN HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE AWARE THAT
POSITIVE MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS HAD

ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED TO THE ISRAELIS AND THE EGYPTIANS. ONE HOPES THIS DOESN'T BECOME A HABIT IN THE MINISTRY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, VAN DE KLAUW ASSURED ME THAT WE SHOULD NOT LOOK FOR SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURES BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN ITS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. CONTINUITY WOULD CHARACTERIZE ITS CONDUCT OF POLICY HE SAID, AND CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT. HE HAD EVERY RIGHT TO EXPECT THE SAME FROM US, I SAID, AND PROMISED THAT OUR EMBASSY WOULD KEEP AFTER WASHINGTON TO PROVE IT.

4. BEFORE LEAVING AND GIVING HIM THE PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER 15 STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, I REFERRED TO OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN NON-PROLIFERATION AND OUR DESIRE TO BE KEPT ABREAST OF DUTCH NEGOTIATIONS ON SAFEGUARDS WITH ITS URENCO PARTNERS AND WITH BRAZIL. HE PROMISED TO DO SO.
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